

**PARK & RECREATION MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2003**  
**6:00 P.M.**

**Call to Order:** The Parks and Recreation Board met on the above date and time in the Council Chambers, 270 West 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Rushville. President Tim Shuppert called the meeting to order. Members present were Denny Corn and Wilma Kile. Jack Harmon, Tracey Phillips and Charlie Brown were absent. Others present were Parks Director Danny Mathews, Attorney Julie Newhouse, Mayor Bob Bridges, Secretary Carla Sharpe, Jan Voiles of the Rushville Republican and Rick and Emily Whittaker, Representing Youth Football.

**Minutes:** Due to a lack of a quorum, minutes could not be approved at this time.

At this time Mathews introduced Harold Brown from the Spear Corporation. The board then excused themselves and went to the pool so Mr. Brown could explain the problem at the pool.

Mr. Brown made a recommendation to the board present that a wall needed to be built around the chlorine system to keep the chlorine system and pellets in a confined room.

Due to a lack of a quorum no decisions could be made at this time. This matter will be put on the next agenda.

**Reports:** None at this time.

**Claims:** Due to lack of quorum, claims were not approved at this time.

**Unfinished Business:**

Spear Corp. Representative – Discuss Problem at Pool – Discussed above.

Friend of the Park Awards – Presented to Jan Voiles of the Rushville Republican for all her hard work and dedication in getting the word out for the Parks Board and to Julie Newhouse, representing the D.A.R. for her donation to the Parks Department in honor of her mom.

Mathews thanked both of these ladies.

Discuss Softball Diamond Agreement – Shuppert handed out a copy of the new lease and asked Sharpe to send to all board members.

Discuss Community Park – Youth Football – Rick Whittaker was present representing Youth Football. He shared with the board that he is the President of Youth Football and that him and Billy Hornaday are very much interested in acquiring Community Park on the East side as a Rush County Youth Football field.

He stated they want their own field to make the community better. A place for the kids to play.

He said he gets phone calls all the time as to why can't the kids play on the school field. He tells them to call Mark VanNatta.

Corn asked if there was enough room at Community Park for a football field? Whittaker said yes instead of a 100-yard field they would make it an 80-yard field. He said they would save the fence and use it.

He said they would do what they have to do to get their own field.

Corn asked if there was enough parking? Whittaker said yes and they plan to buy gravel and make more parking by the concession stand.

Mathews asked if they would be removing the dugouts, backstops and press box? Whittaker said yes they plan on saving all they they can. They won't use the scoreboard because it's for baseball.

Mathews questioned the bleachers? Whittaker said they have them.

Whittaker said they have no hard feelings towards the school system.

Kile said we need that park to be used.

Bridges asked if they would be using the existing concession stand?  
Whittaker said yes they even plan to build onto it.  
Whittaker said the restrooms are fine also.  
Whittaker said that two years ago they had 90 kids and this year they are up to 126 kids.  
Ages 8 years in second grade and grades 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade can play.  
Mathews stated he thinks it's a necessity to get the parks used.  
Shuppert stated we can't take action on this tonight but feels the board is all positive to this.  
Sharpe was asked to put this on the next agenda.

It was decided to hold the next meeting next Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall.

**New Business:**

There being no further business and due to a lack of quorum the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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TIM SHUPPERT, PRESIDENT

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TRACEY PHILLIPS, VICE PRESIDENT

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WILMA JO KILE, MEMBER

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JACK HARMON, MEMBER

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CHARLES BROWN, MEMBER

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DENNY CORN, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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CARLA SHARPE, SECRETARY